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1 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET

2 Department of Revenue

3 (Amendment)

4 103 KAR 26:030. Optometrists, oculists and opticians.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 139.010

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 131.130 (1)~~[Chapter 13A]~~

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 131.130(1) authorizes the
8 Department of Revenue to promulgate administrative regulations for the administration and
9 enforcement of Kentucky tax laws. This administrative regulation interprets ~~[defines and clarifies~~
10 ~~]the sales and use tax law as it applies to transactions involving optometrists, oculists, and~~
11 ~~opticians.~~

12 Section 1. Oculists and optometrists shall be ~~[are-]~~ the consumers of the ophthalmic materials
13 including eyeglasses, frames, and lenses ~~[lens]~~ used or furnished to their patients in the
14 performance of their professional services. The tax accordingly shall apply ~~[applies-]~~ to the sale of
15 the tangible personal property to them.

16 Section 2. Where optometrists fill prescriptions written by others, the optometrist is the retailer
17 and the tax shall apply ~~[applies-]~~ to the entire charge made for the glasses furnished in filling the
18 prescription.

19 Section 3. Opticians are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property and the
20 tax shall apply ~~[applies-]~~ to the entire charge made by a dispensing optician for glasses and kindred
21 products furnished in filling a prescription of an oculist, optometrist, or ophthalmologist.



- 1 Section 4. Repairers of eyeglass frames shall be the consumers of the parts and materials used
- 2 in his or her repair. Repairers of eyeglass frames shall pay sales and use tax on the purchase of all
- 3 parts and materials used in his or her repair. Sales and use tax shall not be due on the charge by
- 4 the repairer to their customer for the eyeglass frame repair.

103 KAR 26:030

APPROVED BY AGENCY:

Daniel Bork
DANIEL P. BORK, COMMISSIONER
Department of Revenue
Finance and Administration Cabinet

Sept 12, 2019
Date

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 9B, State Office Building, 501 High Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through November 30, 2019. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Regulation No. 103 KAR 26:030

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: The proposed amendment will change the existing administrative regulation by updating the NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY section to include KRS 131.130(1) authorization language and adds Section 4 to include guidance regarding repairs of eyeglass frames.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary to provide up to date guidance on the tax treatment of transactions made by and involving optometrists, oculists and opticians.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The proposed updates amend regulatory language to conform with KRS 131.130 and 131.131.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: The changes made in this amendment will provide the most current and up to date guidance to taxpayers impacted by the provisions of this regulation.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: See (1)(a).

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: See (1)(b).

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: See (1)(c).

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: See (1)(d).

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: Optometrists, oculists and opticians and their customers are affected by this administrative regulation.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: No specific impact to those entities detailed in Question 3 are noted based upon the amendments made. Additional guidance is being provided to those entities detailed in Question 3 regarding the topics already included in the administrative regulation.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There is no additional cost to comply with the administrative regulation by the entities detailed in Question 3 based upon the amendments made.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): The entities detailed in Question 3 will be knowledgeable as to the detailed sales tax

transaction listed and as such remain in good standing with the Department of Revenue.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There is no expected cost to implement the proposed amendment. Current staff and budgeted funding will absorb the implementation of this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There is no cost expected on a continual basis.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: Current departmental staff and funding will be used to implement and enforce this proposed amendment.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No additional funding or increase in fees is needed.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: No fees are directly or indirectly established or increased by the proposed amendment.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not): Tiering is not applicable as the proposed amended regulation will be applied equally to all entities impacted by it.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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1. What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department of Revenue.

2. Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 131.130 and KRS 131.131.

3. Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? There is no estimated impact on expenditures and revenues for state and local governments.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? There is no estimated impact on expenditures and revenues for state and local governments.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? No additional costs will be incurred in the first year of this regulation being in effect. Any costs associated with this new requirement should be absorbed into the current department maintenance contracts and operating budget.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? No additional costs should be incurred in subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): No impact.

Expenditures (+/-): No impact.

Other Explanation:

